



Col. Patrick H. Mason
Commander
U.S. Army Redstone Test Center

Col. Patrick H. Mason assumed command of the U.S. Army Redstone Test Center in July 2013. RTC has a highly skilled workforce dedicated to providing superior technical expertise and capabilities to plan, conduct, analyze, and report on aviation, missile, and sensor systems, subsystems, and components tests.

Prior to his arrival at Redstone Arsenal, Mason served as the Project Manager, Technology Applications Program Office, U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command. In this capacity, he directed the life cycle management of Army Special Operations rotary wing aircraft and associated mission systems supporting the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne).

His previous acquisition assignments have included: Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow; Deputy Program Manager; CH-53K, Commander, Flight Test Directorate, U.S. Army Aviation Technical Test Center; and Chief, Rapid Prototyping and Integration, U.S. Army Aviation Applied Technology Directorate. Through these assignments he was involved in the development, rapid prototyping, and science and technology efforts on the A/MH-6M, MH-60M, MH-47G, OH-58D, AH-64A/D, UH-60A/L/M, CH-47D/F, CH-53K, RAH-66, and various other fixed and rotary wing aircraft. In addition, he worked extensively with numerous integrated systems to include aircraft survivability equipment, targeting and sighting systems, and network centric applications essential for interoperability.

Operationally he served as a Platoon Leader with the 1st Cavalry Division, Platoon Commander and AH-64 Instructor Pilot with the 14th Aviation Regiment, and Company Commander with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Mason's military and civilian education includes a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology; a Master of Aerospace Engineering (With Distinction) from the Naval Postgraduate School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. He attended both the U.S. Army Rotary and Fixed-Wing Aircraft qualification courses and is a qualified instructor pilot in the AH-64 Apache and UH-72 Lakota. He is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School and has logged more than 3,100 flight hours in more than 50 different aircraft.

Mason was the 2013 Army Project Manger of Year for his work with the U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command. He has also been recognized with "Best Paper Awards" by the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and the American Helicopter Society. For his efforts in advancing Army engineering flight test, he was presented the Robert N. Turk Award in 2002.